

REMARKS

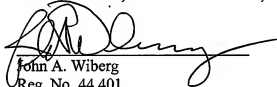
In the Office Action of December 13, 2006, claims 1, 3 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,529,730 (Komaili). Claims 4-7 were objected to as being dependent upon a based claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the rejection of claims 1, 3 and 8, claim 1 is amended herewith to incorporate the limitations of claims 3 and 4 in order to expedite the allowance of the application. Claims 3 and 4 are cancelled herewith accordingly. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 1 and claims 5-8 depending therefrom.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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